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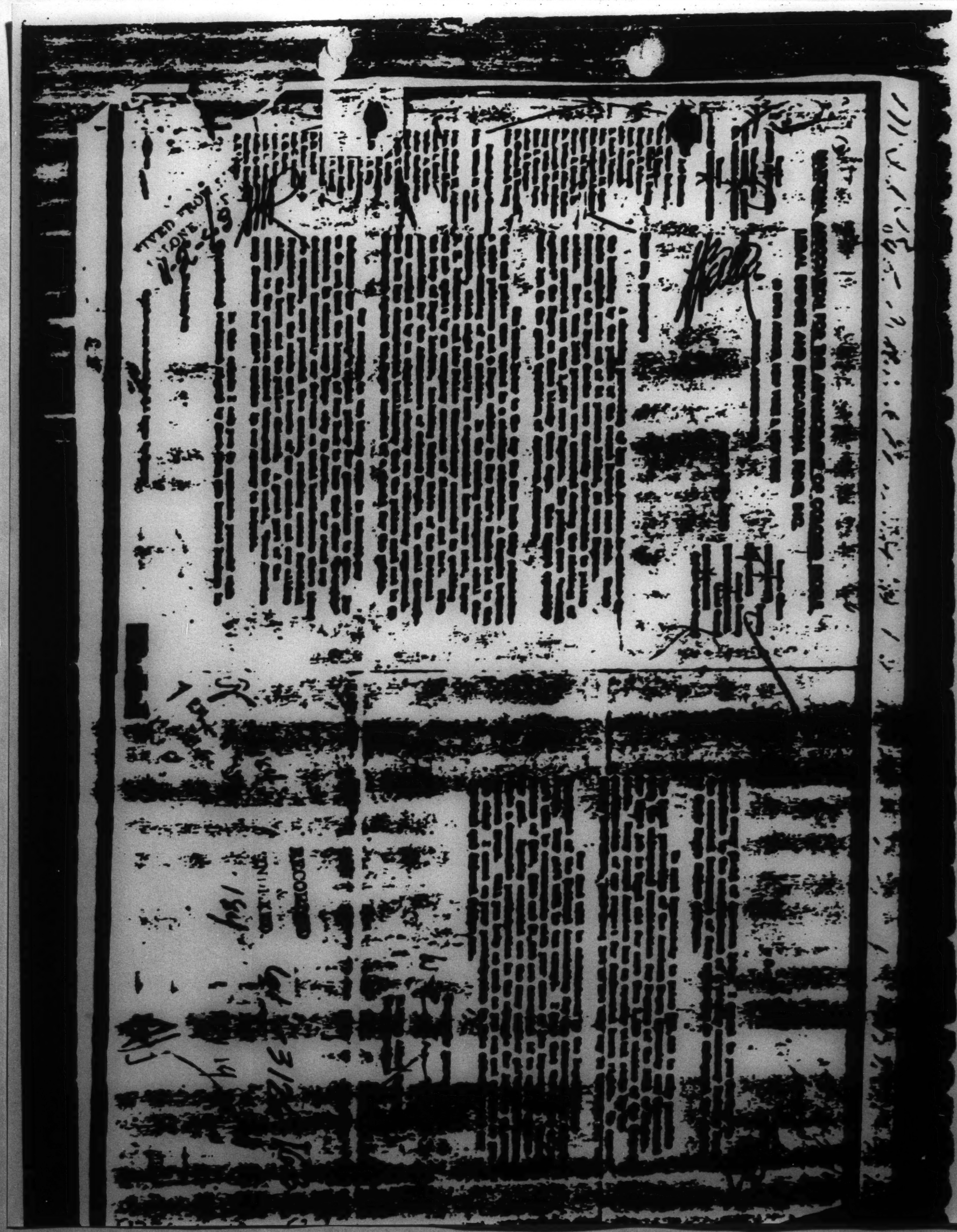

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)	SECURITY MATTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

NAACP said to have been organized at Tallahassee, Fla. approximately 16 years ago with present membership of about 150. Little activity reported at present time. Tallahassee Civic League which has no connection with NAACP is apparently very active with approximately 50 members.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 7/8/43 at Miami.

DETAILS:

Referred to NAVAL Investigative Service

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[redacted] advised that the NAACP was organized in Tallahassee approximately 16 years ago. [redacted] was of the opinion that there was probably 150 members but this was little more than a guess. He stated that J. G. RILEY, [redacted] Tallahassee, was the chairman of the organization at Tallahassee.

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[redacted] organization is not overly active at this time, the meetings [redacted]

[redacted] Germany, either German, Japanese or Italian or Russian [redacted]

[redacted] advised that members of the organization [redacted]

[redacted] belonged to the [redacted]

[redacted] is head of the organization [redacted] He stated the [redacted]

[redacted] very active at the present time and in Tallahassee, [redacted]

organization as it is composed mostly of doctors, teachers and preac[redacted]

[redacted] stated that he did not believe there was any foreign [redacted]

[redacted] in Tallahassee. He stated their meetings [redacted]

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MIAMI, FLORIDA	11/18/43	9/20;10/11,	[redacted]

TITLE
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)

CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Miami section of NAACP formed during September 1943. Meetings held at Temple Baptist Church, Miami. Mrs. JOHNNIE MILES-KING named President. State convention held West Palm Beach October 15, 16, 17, 1943, HENRY T. MOORE presiding. No indication of Communist infiltration in Miami at this time.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] Miami, Florida dated September 20, 1943.

DETAILS:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

The Miami Times, a negro weekly on September 13, 1943 ran an article entitled "NAACP Opens Way Calling All Groups". The article was signed by Mrs. JOHNNIE MILES-KING, President, 1742 N. W. 6th Avenue and was a request for all colored men and women between the ages of 18 and 85 to attend a mass meeting of the instant organization at 8:30 p.m. on September 15 1943 at the Temple Baptist Church, 1723 N. W. 3rd Avenue. The article

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requested any persons formerly connected with any NAACP branch either here or elsewhere to attend and said they would be given special recognition.

Subsequently on September 18, 1943 in the Miami Times negro weekly newspaper, Rev. L. A. THOMPSON, negro preacher and author of a weekly column entitled "Moving Finger" had the following information in his columns

" On Wednesday evening the Charter of the local Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. was unveiled at Temple Baptist Church. The attendance was not large but was enthusiastic. A long list consisting of prominent persons and others, was called, but these were conspicuously absent.

Only a few of those failing to attend sent in legal excuses.

For many years the NAACP has striven to get a foothold in Miami, but without success. Some people think that once upon a time those who attempted to "sponsor" the organization tried to make it too exclusive and thus lost the support of those who really support most of your organizations. Now that the thing is actually taking root, everybody should fall in line and help.

The N. A. A. C. P. has a long record of fighting your battles. In fact, it is the most powerful agency that you have to see after your rights when you get in trouble— and you live in trouble!

Give it more power by falling in line and doing your bit —just one dollar a year! "

On September 25, 1943 a newspaper article appeared in the MIAMI WHIP a negro newspaper weekly, stating that the local branch of the NAACP had launched a membership campaign in which it was hoped to recruit 12000 new members for the local organization. In the article the program of the organization was set out as follows:

" Back to the limit all organized effort in the impending fight on high rents; the proposed plan to help bring about the appointment of a Negro supervisor of Negro schools; a Negro representative on the Dade County School Board of Education; two Negro policemen, Negro mail carriers; and rerouting of bus number 21.

The article further stated that MARIE BELL who was the Secretary of the branch in Miami and was the wife of THOMAS BELL who was formerly a President of the Miami organization.

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On October 2, 1943 the Miami Times a negro weekly newspaper, advised that the Miami branch of the N.A.A.C.P. had completed plans in the connection with sending of five delegates to the West Palm Beach convention on September 15th where they were to attend the State N.A.A.C.P. Convention, three day economic season.

On October 3, 1943 the Miami Whip ran an editorial criticizing the lack of interest in the subject. The editorial is set out as follows:

" Miamians have shown a general lack of interest in supporting the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Many people will outwardly explain their feelings by stating that the local branch has done nothing. This is a definite admission of non-interest in their own welfare.

It is probably true that the local branch has done nothing and as long as its membership and supporters remain so small in numbers, so long will it be able to do nothing.

Negroes of Miami must realize that efforts on the part of leaders to solve their probelm and intercede generally in their behalf, are fruitless unless they back up these approaches with their moral and financial support.

These leaders have personal responsibilities, just as you do, and it does seem very ungrateful for you to expect them to turn the world around for you before you lend your support.

The leaders of our group don't particularly need a N. A. A. C or any other organization to fight their particular battles. Their interest is in the welfare of the masses, who are not in a position to solve their own problem and these are the ones who are expected to furnish necessary funds and manpower interest to back up the approaches of our leaders to the many problems confronting us.

The N. A. A. C. P. is an organization of the people, for the people. If the people don't support it, what's the use of having an N.A.A.C.P. branch in Miami.

For a measely one dollar per year you can buy a share of stock in your own welfare and advancement by taking out a membership in the Miami Branch N.A.A.C.P. today.

On the agenda of the local branch are many of the problems needing immediate and positive attention. Without your aid and support the

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problems will continue to hamper your progress. Join today and prove to the world that Negroes of Miami are interested in their own welfare.

The Miami Whip on October 22, 1943 ran an article concerning the annual state convention of the N. A. A. C. P. According to the article the convention was held at West Palm Beach on September 15, 16, 17 with the President HENRY T. MOORE presiding. The program of the convention was mainly for the discussion and planning of action for "The Negro in the Present Crisis". The article stated that in addition to MOORE, a Mr. DUNCAN of Jacksonville was selected Vice President and Mrs. JOHNNIE MILES-KING was elected member of the Finance Committee. Various speeches were made during the convention by the representatives of the state organization.

On October 23, 1943 there appeared an article in the Miami Times stating that Governor HOLLAND of the State of Florida had decided to help the N. A. A. C. P. in its fight to lower rents. The article stated that a public meeting was being planned for early in November concerning the above subject.

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Intimate surveillances of [redacted] have failed to reflect any additional activity in the colored section in Miami as the result of the organization of the N. A. A. C. P. branch there.

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THE MIAMI FIELD DIVISION:

At Miami, Florida:

Will continue to ascertain whether or not the Communist Party members of the Miami area are attempting to gain control of the instant organization.

At Tampa, Florida:

Will determine whether or not any branch of the instant organization has any connection with the Communist Party in Tampa.

At Jacksonville, Florida:

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	11/21/43	10/12;11/19/43	[redacted] CAR:MFP

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE	INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: The local Chapter of the subject organization has been active recently in organizing a drive for new members. There is no evidence that there is any Communist infiltration in the Chicago branch. [redacted]

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 30, 1943, at Chicago, Illinois.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following information was obtained from the Chicago Defender dated August 28, 1943.

"The Chicago branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will launch its 1944 membership drive at a public mass meeting September 30, in the auditorium of Wendell Phillips High School.

The N.A.A.C.P. is an international organization which was founded in New York City in 1909, today the organization has more than 900 branches and 150 clubs and other groups which are becoming an increasingly powerful force for equality and justice in America."

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According to an article appearing in the August 14 issue of the Chicago Defender, the N.A.A.C.P. through its President, Attorney OSCAR C. BROWN, forwarded the following telegram to Police Commissioner JAMES P. ALIMAN on August 5:

"We talked to you over the telephone yesterday urging that every precaution be taken to protect the negroes who had recently moved into the property at 608 N. Wells Street and at 1345 Potomac Street. If the Police Department will continue to give these people the protection that they, as citizens, are entitled to, there will probably be no unfortunate incident to embarrass our community. We shall look forward to the further cooperation in the matter."

The following article appeared in the August 21 issue of the Chicago Defender:

"At its regular meeting on August 17, the Executive Board of the Chicago Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, decided to make survey immediately of the desperate housing needs of negroes in Chicago.

This action is the result of the organization's deep concern over the terrible housing shortage that faces thousands of negroes in this city. The association asserts that thousands are virtually out-of-doors at the present time, and that untold hardships and suffering face them during the coming winter."

Another article appeared in the Chicago Defender on September 25, 1943, which is set forth as follows:

"With enthusiasm at a high pitch and more than 200 workers, captains and division leaders present, the opening meeting of local N.A.A.C.P. campaign for 20,000 members, was held Monday night at Mme. C. J. Walker College, 47th and South Parkway.

Sixteen divisions, each composed of ten teams and 100 workers, accepted the challenge to raise $2000.00.

OSCAR C. BROWN, President of the branch, reported activities for the month of September only, which included favorable results in a campaign to eliminate the word "negro" from articles in the daily newspapers; a survey of price discrimination of stores on the south side; and satisfactory adjustments of complaints concerning racial discrimination.

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Mrs. DAISY E. LAMPKIN, Field Secretary, who is in the city to direct the campaign, outlined the details of the campaign and the techniques to be employed.

The first report of the campaign will be held Friday, September 24, at 8:30 P.M. at Walker College, 47th Street and South Parkway.

Meetings for next week will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at the Walker College."

b7D [redacted] was interviewed by the writer and the following lists of Officers and the Executive Committee were obtained from him:

President:	OSCAR C. BROWN
1st Vice President:	GEORGE A. BLAKEY
2nd Vice President:	ULYSSES S. KEYS
Treasurer:	CHARLES B. MURRAY
Secretary:	CORA M. PATTON
Asst. Secretary:	SARAH MERCHANT

R. WALTER ARMSTRONG
ERNESTINE BIGGS
BISHOP JAMES A. BRAY
SYDNEY P. BROWN
REV. MARY C. EVANS
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BLANCHE V. SHAW
WM. H. TEMPLE
C. UDELL TURPIN
IRA W. WILLIAMS
OSCAR WILSON

[redacted] at one time in the history of the Chicago Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. there had been an attempt on the part of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization to the extent of seizing control of the Executive positions. This attempt on the part of the Party failed, and at the present time there is no evidence that there is any degree of Communistic infiltration into this Branch. [redacted] officials and members of the Executive Committee are prominent negroes in Chicago and at the present time there is no evidence that the Communist Party is endeavoring to infiltrate this organization. [redacted] advised that there may possibly be members of the N.A.A.C.P. in Chicago who are also members of the Communist Party inasmuch as the only prerequisite for membership is the $1.00 membership fee. All committees and activities within this organization are on a voluntary basis. [redacted] would willingly [illegible] in any investigation which involved negro people especially allegations that these people were engaged in subversive activities of any nature.

[redacted] advised that at the present time the Chicago Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. is entirely free from Communist control or influence. This informant stated that at one time an attempt had been made by the Communist Party to seize control of the Chicago Branch but that it had been unsuccessful. The informant recommended OSCAR C. BROWN as being a very reliable man and advised that he had been very careful in picking prominent negroes of good reputation to be the leaders in this organization. BROWN is an attorney and is also the manager of the Ida B. Wells Housing Project which is located at 39th Street and South Parkway.

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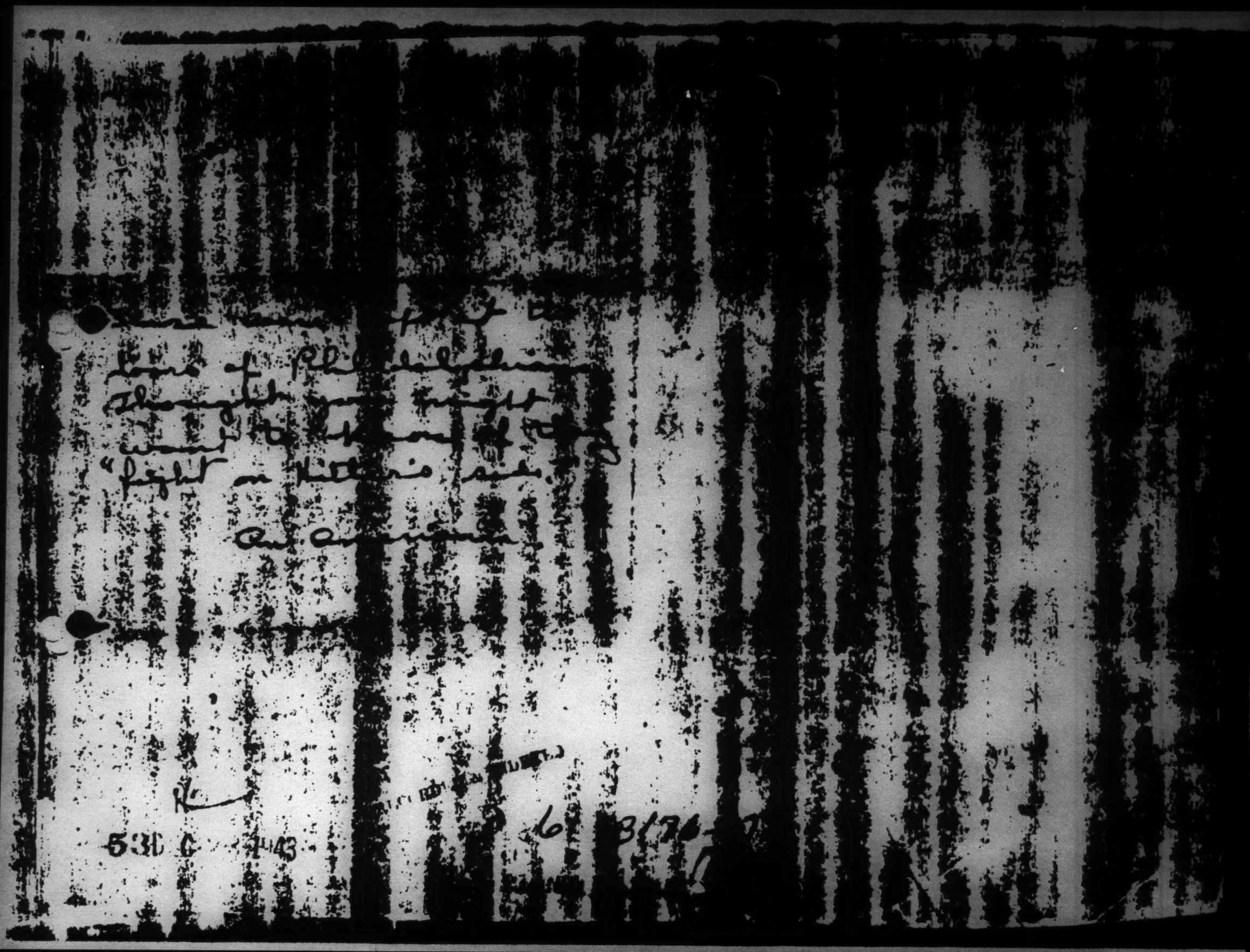

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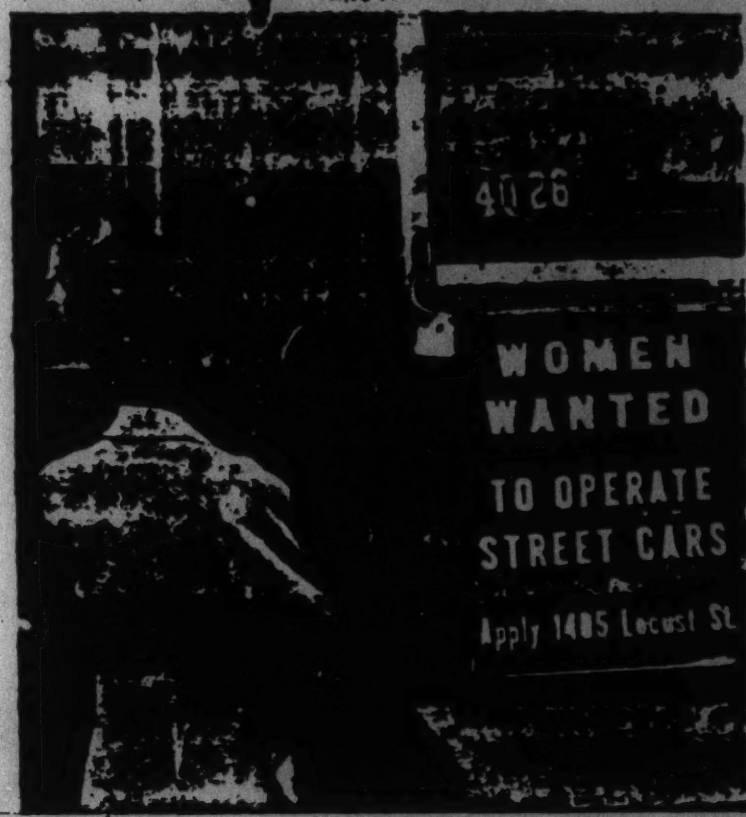

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JIM CROW FIGHTS ON HITLER' SIDE!

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- Stop PTC's Unfair Practice!

Come to: TOWN HALL, 150 N Street

Sunday afternoon, October 24, 194

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Hear: DR. JAMES MYERS, REV. MARSHA[illegible] HOBSON REYNOLDS and other Prominent Speakers

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Under the auspices of Action Committee on PTC Employment, Phila. Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 16th and Lombard Streets, Phila., Pa. PENnypacker 2590

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Director, FBI

RE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION for the ADVANCEMENT
of COLORED PEOPLE.
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

An article appeared in the "New York Times" of December 2, 1943 entitled: "Negroes Outline Political Stand." The article states that terms upon which Negro voters will support a candidate for President next year were announced yesterday by representatives of twenty-five Negro organizations made public by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The article goes on to state that any political party which hoped to obtain Negro support must adopt a new program with the following provisions:

1. Full integration of the Negro into the armed forces without segregation.
2. Abolition of quotas by race in the medical corps, nurse corps, technical and all other branches of the services.
3. A program of education in decent and democratic race relations to be carried out in the army and navy.
4. A revised navy program which will include acceptance of Negroes as commissioned officers, the use of Negroes in general and technical service in seagoing vessels and the acceptance of Negro women in the Waves, Spars and nurse corps without segregation.
5. Abolition of segregation in recreational and other facilities at army posts and naval shore installations and abolition of segregation of blood plasma.
6. Progressive removal of Negro troops from those areas where they are treated with violence, abuse and disrespect in the civilian community in view of the demonstrated inability of the Federal authorities, military and civil to cope with such behavior.

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Letter to Director

7. The same opportunity as others to serve in combat forces.

The Bureau will be advised of any further information obtained by this office concerning this article.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy, Jr.
E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge

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CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY

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Will follow the activities of this organization and particularly with respect to any evidence of Communist infiltration.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

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AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Will maintain contact with Confidential Informants for information concerning the activities of subject organization.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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SAC Sears of the Philadelphia Office called at this time and requested authority for a technical surveillance on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Second Floor, West Side of the Keystone Building located at 16th and Lombard Streets, entrance at 501 South 16th Street. The office occupies Room 203, telephone Pennypacker 2530 listed in the name of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which is a group of colored and white organized on a national basis, has as its main purpose carrying out the battle for negro rights and decrying of racial discrimination and segregation in industry. This organization during the last six months has been extremely active in agitating for the same program of the Communist Party. It is further evident that the NAACP has aligned itself closely with Communist Party activities and is rapidly becoming a tool for the Party. On September 11, 1943, the Committee on the Negro and Post-War Problems was formed. The purpose of this committee was to concentrate on breaking down discrimination in the Philadelphia Transit Corporation and to urge the employment of negroes by this company. The committee itself was sponsored by the NAACP and from all appearances was a part of this organization. The committee itself was given publicity as being connected with the NAACP and its title was carried on the NAACP stationery. It further had many representatives of such organization [redacted] among its active members. Despite this fact, the committee on the Negro and Post-War Problems [redacted] as well as many other well known Communist Party members. Through its activities the Committee is known to be nothing more than a Communist Party Front, working solely for the objects of the Party.

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As further evidence of the definite Communist connection, it is pointed out that [redacted] is a close friend of [redacted] and has for many months been closely associated with [redacted]

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It is known [redacted] is a close social friend of [redacted] used the NAACP headquarters to transact Communist Party business. It is further known that [redacted] spends much of his time there and formulated [redacted]

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the plans for the PTC campaign at this address. [redacted]

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The recent rumor of race riot of which the CP was cognizant, had been traced by that office and has been determined that the NAACP had been keeping the CP advised of their activities in respect to these rumors. [redacted]

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[redacted] At this meeting it was further decided, after having been proposed by [redacted] several other Communists, that a delegation be sent to the Mayor's Office on 9:30 A.M. on November 22nd at which time they would read one of the numerous petitions being circulated at the PTC headquarters protesting the employment of negroes by that company. They would further make protest to the Mayor relative to the company's activities and seek to gain its support.

The CP in the last eight months has intensified its drive for negro recruits. They have been partially successful in this respect and it is known that

b7C [redacted] the Party hopes to enlist the aid of the negroes at large.

It is known that a technical surveillance of the NAACP headquarters will prove of great value in permitting that office to determine the degree of Communist infiltration into negro ranks as well as to anticipate future actions of the CP in their endeavors among the negroes.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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As you know, from time to time I have supplied you with information concerning racial conditions in the City of Philadelphia. On several occasions in the past year reports were received that there was a considerable degree of tenseness in interracial relations and there were rumors of possible riots. Sources of information and confidential informants have advised that among the important organizational forces which are partly responsible for racial unrest is the Communist Party. Its activities among the Negro population of Philadelphia are extensive and in this connection it has worked closely with and through the Philadelphia branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This latter organization is located in Room 203, Keystone Building, 501 South 16th Street, Telephone Pennypacker 2530.

As an example of the definite Communist connections in the Philadelphia branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it is pointed out that

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

In view of the present Communist influence and connections with the Philadelphia branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, authorization is requested of you for the installation of a technical surveillance on the offices of this organization located at the above set out address. A technical surveillance would prove of great value in permitting the Philadelphia Field Division of this Bureau to determine the degree of Communist infiltration of the Negro population and to anticipate future actions of the Communist Party in their machinations among the Negro population in Philadelphia. Accordingly I strongly recommend that you grant this authorization especially in view of past racial conditions in this City and also the activities of the Communist Party in exploiting the Negro population of Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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Philadelphia 5, Pennsylvania

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The following is a summary of information obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, covering the period from his original employment on December 23rd up to and including December 30, 1943.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has as its headquarters 501 South 16th Street. This Association is national in scope and was originally instituted as a clearing house for information relative to Negro activities. In the recent past, an organization known as the "United People's Action Committee" was formed. This Committee is presently forming the structure for a City-wide youth movement and is responsible for the PTC Action Committee which was formed to fight colored discrimination in the Philadelphia Transportation Company. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was one of the sponsors of this Committee.

Prior to contacting subject informant, information had been received that the United People's Action Committee was using N.A.A.C.P. Headquarters to carry on its organizational activities for the youth movement and to carry on the fight against the PTC. The leaders of the United People's Action Committee were believed to be Communists and the informant has verified this supposition.

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this time it was determined that the PTC Action Committee had decided to picket the Transportation Company in this City. [redacted] Communists and Communist Party sympathizers discussed the picketing with the Regional Director of the F.E.P.C. in Philadelphia who requested that the picketing be held off until the F.E.P.C.'S directives ordering the Company to employ Negroes were handed down. This suggestion was complied with and all of the information obtained at these conferences was given to GEORGE CROCKETT of the War Manpower Commission, Washington, D. C., [redacted]

It has been determined that such well known Communists as [redacted] as well as such suspected Communists as [redacted] have been very active in organizing and drawing up plans for the PTC Action Committee to proceed on. Recently, JAMES MC DEVITT of the Central Labor Union, AFL, had been contacted [redacted] at which time MC DEVITT was requested to use his influence with AFL members at the PTC in Philadelphia to aid in the fight against colored discrimination.

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It has further been determined that the United People's Action Committee in their campaign against the Philadelphia Transportation Company are going to sell badges to be worn by sympathizers of the movement, which badges will decry the discrimination of the colored people by the Transportation Company. [redacted]

It has been determined that [redacted] are actually the powers behind the United People's Action Committee. These individual are planning to print the names of the conservative Negro leaders in the various colored newspapers in Philadelphia exposing them for refusing to aid the Committee in its fight against the

Director, FBI December 30, 1943

Philadelphia Transportation Company and exposing them as the tools of white men.

During the above mentioned period the informant has also made available valuable information concerning Communist Party activities not directly related to the United People's Action Committee and the Transportation Company fight. It has also materially aided in establishing the identity of those individuals who are guiding the newly formed youth movement in this City.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Sears
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DIRECTOR

QUIT. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. INTERNAL SECURITY C. TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE INSTALLED 11:40 A.M. THIS DATE ON SUBJECT AT ROOM 23, SECOND FLOOR, KEYSTONE BUILDING, 501 SOUTH 16TH STREET. TELEPHONE PENNYPACKER 2530 LISTED TO SUBJECT. PLANT MAINTAINED AT CENTRAL TECHNICAL LOCATION AND SUR-VEILLANCE KNOWN AS [redacted]

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January 7, 1944

Director, FBI

W.E.

RE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.
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Dear Sir:

The following is a summary of information obtained through the utilization of Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, from December 30, 1943 through January 6, 1944.

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It has been indicated that the recently established organization, United Peoples Action Committee, is actually in the process of establishing an alliance of all powerful negro progressive groups in Philadelphia. It is further creating a large youth organization which, in turn, will be an alliance of all existing youth groups. In these operations, the informant has indicated that the entire group is controlled by, and has been planned by the Communist Party and that the entire alliance will be composed of front groups, ninety percent of which will be negro.

There have been recent indications that the group has infiltrated into the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which has been the largest and most powerful negro organization in Philadelphia to date. There are also indications that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will gradually be eased out as representative of the colored masses and its activities will be taken over by this new alliance.

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It has further been reported that [redacted] of the Communist Party of Pennsylvania, is directing the group from behind the scenes. Names of well-known Communists are continually associated by the informant with the activities in negro organizations and the informant has furnished other valuable information concerning the activities of well-known Communists who are not directly connected with negro organizations.

This informant has proven to be a prolific source of information and of invaluable aid in the investigation of Communist movement among the negroes.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Sears

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DETAILS: All individuals mentioned in this report other than informants are known or assumed to be negroes unless otherwise designated.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

A. National Headquarters

The national headquarters of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE is located at 69 Fifth Avenue, New York 3, New York, telephone Algonquin 4-3380 (Letterhead of letter from NAACP to Secretary, State Democratic Executive Committee, Centerville, Alabama, dated December 9, 1943).

B. National Officers

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C. "The Crisis"

The magazine "The Crisis", the official publication of the NAACP, is distributed in the Detroit area to members of the NAACP and is on sale at most newsstands in the negro territory in Detroit.

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II. MICHIGAN STATE ORGANIZATION

The Michigan State Conference of the NAACP met in Pontiac, Michigan on November 28-29, 1942. At that meeting the following officers were elected: (The Michigan Chronicle, December 5, 1942)

President	Dr. J. LEONIDAS LEACH, Flint, Michigan
Secretary	GLEO TAYLOR, Lansing, Michigan
Publicity Director	GLOSTER B. CURRENT, Detroit, Michigan
Youth Director	VERA JOBSON, Pontiac, Michigan

Dr. JESSE LEONIDAS LEACH, above-mentioned, spoke at a meeting of Buick Local 599, UAW-CIO in Flint, Michigan, on March 8, 1942, along with known members of the COMMUNIST PARTY, protesting alleged discriminations in the Sojourner Truth Housing Project in Detroit and other places. This same Dr. LEACH was convicted of a violation of the Prohibition Act in 1928 in Bay City, Michigan, and after pleading guilty was fined five hundred dollars.

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GLOSTER BRYANT CURRENT is also executive secretary of the Detroit chapter of the NAACP.

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The 1943 state-wide conference of the NAACP was held in Battle Creek, Michigan on September 19, 1943. The officers of the Michigan State chapter remained the same as those set out above (Michigan Chronicle, September 25, 1943).

There are eighteen branches of the NAACP in the state of Michigan (Michigan Chronicle, September 26, 1942). These eighteen branches together with the known officers thereof are set out as follows: (Pretext telephone call to NAACP headquarters, December 29, 1943.

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Michigan Chronicle, March 13, 1943, September 25, 1943).

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Detroit, Michigan	(Will be set out later in this report)
Albion, Michigan	President - HOWARD UNION Former President - JAMES CURTIS
Benton Harbor, Michigan	Unknown
Cass County, Michigan	Unknown
Flint, Michigan	Dr. J. LEONIDAS LEACH Former President - JOSEPH E. BIRCH, II
Grand Rapids, Michigan	President - CARL A. THOMASSON Secretary - Miss LONEY G. CLINTON Treasurer - Mrs. RICHARD DREW Membership Campaign Officers - Chairman - Mrs. EDGUND W. PACE Secretary - Mrs. WILLIAM PETTIFORD
Jackson, Michigan	Unknown
Kalamazoo, Michigan	Unknown
Baldwin, Michigan	Unknown
Lansing, Michigan	CLEO TAYLOR
Muskegon, Michigan	President - JOHN FRAZIER Membership Campaign Officers - JACOB BUCKLEY Reverend CLAYBOURNE CASEY JAMES EBBY JACKSON Mrs. ROSE C. LONG HERMAND WHITE
Niles, Michigan	Unknown
Oakland County, Michigan	Unknown
Pontiac, Michigan	VERA DOBSON
Port Huron, Michigan	Unknown
Saginaw, Michigan	Unknown

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Ypsilanti, Michigan	Unknown
Battle Creek, Michigan	Unknown

No information appears in the files of the Detroit Field Division indicating any of the above-named officers of out state branches, with the exception of the state officers before mentioned, having engaged in COMMUNIST PARTY activities or having any Communistic tendencies.

III. ORIGIN OF THE DETROIT CHAPTER

Early in the year 1910 EUGENE MARSHALL called Dr. A. H. JOHNSON, ALBERT BASS, EDGAR L. MOORE, WALTER JOHNSON, A BRUSARD and WILLIAM C. OSBY to a meeting at the old Douglas Institute (now the Detroit Tribune Building), located at the corner of St. Antoine and Columbia Streets in Detroit. These men under the leadership of EUGENE MARSHALL and shortly thereafter WILLIAM C. OSBY formed the Vigilant Committee which carried on protests in behalf of negroes for one year.

In 1911 Father ROBERT W. BAGNALL, who came to Detroit to assume the rectorship of St. Mathews Church and who joined the Vigilant Committee, through his efforts was successful in the affiliation of this committee with the NAACP and it became the Detroit branch ("Hand book on the Detroit Negro" by ULYSSES W. BOYKIN, Detroit, 1943).

IV. GROWTH OF THE DETROIT CHAPTER

Through the years the membership of the Detroit chapter as constantly increased until at the present time it is the largest chapter in the United States ("Handbook on the Detroit Negro").

The approximate membership at given dates is set forth as follows ("Handbook on the Detroit Negro"; Annual Report, 1943 of the Detroit Chapter of the NAACP; the Michigan Chronicle, June, 19, 1943, July 3, 1943; the Pittsburgh Courier, October 10, 1942; the Detroit Tribune, August 4, 1943; [redacted]

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1936	1,504
1937	3,000
1938	5,013
1939	5,734
1940	5,217
1941	5,933
1942	12,000
January 10,1943	14,000
April 11,1943	15,000
July 3,1943	17,000
December, 1943	20,500

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V. OFFICERS DETROIT CHAPTER

It may be mentioned that the Detroit chapter of the NAACP in 1939 established permanent headquarters which are located now at 446 East Warren, Detroit, telephone Temple 1-3609.

A. 1942

The officers of the Detroit chapter of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, together with information concerning them [redacted]

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President — JAMES J. McCLENDON, M. D. [redacted] is a sponsor of Detroit chapter of RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF; [redacted] He was recently presented with lifetime membership in INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER; is not believed to be a COMMUNIST PARTY member.)

First Vice President — FRED A. ALLEN [redacted]

Second Vice President — THEODORE SMITH

Secretary — ROBERT J. EVANS [redacted] Attorney [redacted]

Assistant Secretary — Mrs. ADA SUMMERS [redacted]

Treasurer — Mrs. MAIME L. THOMPSON

Executive Secretary — GLOSTER B. CURRENT (Previously identified)

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Chairman, Legal Redress Committee — Reverend MALCOLM G. DADE [redacted]

Chairman, Membership Committee — ERNEST MARSHALL [redacted] bought ticket to RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF Rally, 1942; issued statement urging opening of second front, 1942; spoke at meetings of CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR JOBS IN WAR INDUSTRIES, 1942; [redacted]

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Chairman, Entertainment Committee — RUTH ELLIS

Chairman, Education Committee — W. BARTON BEATTY

Chairman of Youth Councils — Miss ALMA STRONG [redacted]

Chairman, Labor and Industrial Committee — PRINCE CLARK [redacted]

Members of the Executive Committee — Mrs. MATTIE MONTGOMERY
Mrs. ELEANOR DeVERE
Mrs. L. W. TYRELL

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Mrs. HELEN WILSON

W. A. WHITSOL

Mrs. HULLAH CARTER

W. C. WOODSON (now deceased)

HORACE WOOD (signed statement urging opening of [illegible] second front, August, 1942)

LOUIS C. BLOUNT (Previously identified)

CARLTON SALTER (Reported in Daily Worker as [illegible] endorsing state-wide conference of CIVIL RIGHTS FEDERATION, August, 1943 [redacted] signed statement urging opening of second front, August, 1942)

Mrs. R. W. HORNE

STANLEY EVANS [redacted]

Mrs. NELLIE [redacted]

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THEODORE JONES (State chairman of Michigan Negro Congress, 1938)

Miss DORIS McGraw [redacted]

W. A. THOMPSON, M. D. [redacted]

Reverend CHARLES TILL [redacted] believed to be member of COMMUNIST PARTY [redacted] was at one time president of the Detroit chapter of the NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS; now chairman of the MICHIGAN COMMITTEE FOR JOBS IN WAR INDUSTRIES)

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Reverend J. S. McCLAIN
Attorney HERBERT DUDLEY (Has acted as counsel for petitioners against racial discrimination sponsored by CIVIL RIGHTS FEDERATION)
Attorney JOHN B. MORRIS

By 1943

On January 16, 1943, the officers elected by the Detroit chapter of the NAACP for the year of 1943 were installed. These officers together with information concerning those not heretofore listed [redacted] (Detroit Tribune, January 9, 1943)

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President	Mr. JAMES J. McCLENDON (Previously identified)
Vice President	FRED A. ALLEN (Previously identified)
Secretary	ROBERT J. EVANS (Previously identified)
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. ADA HUGHES (Previously identified)
Treasurer	Mrs. MAINE L. THOMPSON
Executive Secretary	HOSTER R. GUERRY (Previously identified)
Members of the Executive Board	MORRIS L. MOON (Previously identified) Mrs. ALICE BENJAMIN SAMUEL GIBBS (Was among delegates represented CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR JOBS IN WAR INDUSTRIES which met with War Manpower Commissioner PAUL V. McNUTT in Washington, D. C. to protest discrimination. January 12, 1943)

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Mr. G. G. CONSTANT
Mrs. ELIZABETH M. TIBBS
Mrs. MILDRED GRIER
Mrs. ESTHER LONG
Mr. L. S. BLOUNT (Previously identified)
CARLTON GAINES (Previously identified)

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The officers of the Detroit chapter as set out above remained unchanged through 1943. The various chairmanships of the committees of the Detroit chapter, however, were adjusted until at the end of 1943 they stood as follows (Annual Report of 1943 of Detroit Chapter):

Education — V. BARTON BRATTY

Entertainment — Mrs. RUTH ELLIS

Social — RAYMOND S. [redacted]

Legal Redress — Attorney WILLIS M. GRAVES

Labor — PRINCE CLARK (Previously identified)
WALTER HARDIN [redacted] Chairman of Inter-racial Committe, International UAW-CIO; [redacted]

Women's Auxiliary — Mrs. ALICE BENJAMIN

Members of the Executive Board during the year 1943 were supplemented by the addition of the following individuals (Annual Report of Detroit Chapter, 1943):

Mrs. CHILLUS QUERY
Mrs. MATTIE MONTGOMERY
JOHN S. TALLEY
WILLIAM KENNEDY, JR.
Mrs. CARRIE L. RILEY
ANDREW W. L. BROWN (White; [redacted] was member of a delegation representing the CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR

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JOBS IN WAR INDUSTRIES which met with Manpower Commissioner PAUL V. McNUTT in Washington, D. C., January 15, 1942 to protest discrimination.

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[redacted] attended meeting of Provisional Committee for the organization of the Colored Democratic Firemen in Washington, D. C. backed by the MARCH ON WASHINGTON MOVEMENT, September 12, 1943)

L. D. HALLOY
Honorable GUY A. MILLER
SAMUEL LIEBERMAN (White; active participant in affairs of the CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR JOBS IN WAR INDUSTRIES)
Dr. W. A. THOMPSON (Previously identified)
Mrs. F. SCHUMAKE
Mrs. AMELIA HEATH
Mrs. B. ANDERSON

Members of the various committees of the Detroit Chapter of the NAACP are set forth as follows (Annual Report Detroit Chapter, 1943.

Legal Redress — Attorney WILLIS M. GRAVES, chairman
Attorney FRANCIS M. DENT (Wrote an article for "Civil Rights News", published by CIVIL RIGHTS FEDERATION, December, 1938; sponsor Sesqui-centennial Bill of Rights Celebration, backed by CIVIL RIGHTS FEDERATION, December, 1939; signed statement advocating opening of second front, August, 1942)
Attorney ROBERT J. EVANS (Previously identified)
Attorney ELVIN L. DAVENPORT [redacted]

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[redacted] has been active in Sojourner Truth Citizens Committee and Citizens Committee for Jobs in War Industries)

Membership — ERNEST M. MARSHALL, chairman (Previously identified)
Mrs. MILDRED L. CROFT
Dr. J. L. HENDERSON
ALBERT COLLINS
PRINCE CLARK (Previously identified)

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Entertainment	Mrs. RUTH ELLIS Mrs. BRUNETTA WILLIS Mrs. ELLA SPENCE Mrs. ANNA WALKER Mrs. MARY MURPHY Mrs. ARDELIA HEATH Mrs. BEULAH CARTER
Music	TALMADGE TURNER, chairman Dr. NELLIE B. HUGER EDWARD LOCKET Mrs. MAE FRIERSON Mrs. GRACE WAILES Mrs. GLADYS ROSCOE FRED HART WILLIAMS
Education	R. CECIL ROBINSON Mrs. IRENE GRAVES HORACE BRADFIELD (Attended meetings of CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR JOBS IN WAR INDUSTRIES, 1943; [redacted] ST. CLAIR BILLUPS Mrs. HORACE BRADFIELD Mrs. MOLLIE FITZPATRICK Mrs. LUCILLE STRONG Dr. WILLIAM ARNOLD Mrs. ESTHER J. LOWE AUGUSTUS CALLOWAY (In armed forces)
Inter-racial	RAYMOND S. SCHUGGS (Previously identified) LLOYD COFER ([redacted] CLAUDE COOPER [redacted] ALFRED PELHAM
Labor	PRINCE CLARK, chairman (Previously identified) WILLIAM KENNEDY, Jr., secretary (Remainder of committee unknown)
Finance	Mrs. MAIME L. THOMPSON, chairman
Budget Committee	CARLTON GAINES, chairman (Previously identified) ANDREW W. L. BROWN (Previously identified) FRED ALLEN (Previously identified)

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Jo C. GIBBONS (Previously identified)
RAYMOND SIMONS (Previously identified)
Jo C. BLOUNT (Previously identified)

Emergency Conference - RAYMOND E. SIMONS, General Chairman

Committee Chairmen

Mrs. IRENE GRAVES	Registration
Mrs. MARIE REED	Entertainment
SALMADGE TURNER	Music
Miss RUTH ELLIS	Housing
Jo C. BLOUNT (Previously identified)	Publicity
WALTER HARDIN (Previously identified)	Co-chairman

Thirty-eight individuals were on the committee of the anniversary ball of the Detroit Chapter which was held in December, 1943.

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PRINCE CLARK (Previously identified)
ELIZABETH SIMMONS [redacted] Previously identified)
SAMUEL SIMMONS (Previously identified)
Mrs. REULAH WHITBY [redacted]

[redacted]

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At the annual meeting for election of officers of the Detroit Chapter held December 12, 1943 the following persons were elected to office for the ensuing year (The Detroit Tribune, the Michigan Chronicle, December 18, 1943):

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President — Dr. JAMES J. McGLEMORE (Previously identified)
Vice President — FRED A. ALLEN (Previously identified)
Second Vice President — Mrs. MILDRED G. GRIFFY
Secretary — ROBERT J. WANS (Previously identified)
Assistant Secretary — Mrs. ESTHER J. LOWE
Treasurer — G. W. WHITE
Members Executive Committee — Mrs. W. A. THOMPSON [redacted]

ANDREW W. L. BROWN (Previously identified)
L. G. BLOUNT (Previously identified)
WILLIAM HERBERT, Jr.
CHARLES SIMMONS [redacted]

JOHN L. COWLING
Mrs. L. M. TIBBLE
Mrs. GELLILUS CURRY
Reverend H. H. COLEMAN [redacted]

VI. YOUTH COUNCIL OF DETROIT CHAPTER

A. Origin and History

The DETROIT YOUTH COUNCIL of the Detroit chapter of the NAACP was first established in 1925. At that time it had six branches and in its first few years of existence acquired a total membership of nearly five hundred youth. Through the activities of GLOSTER R. CURRENT (previously identified), its first president, it came into national prominence.

B. Activities

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C. Reorganization in 1942

MADISON S. JONES, Jr., national youth director of the NAACP came to Detroit in September, 1942 and reorganized the work of the Detroit Youth Council of the Detroit chapter. He met with these councils which were still active and endeavored to organize new ones. He planned active cooperation on the part of members of the Youth Council between the NAACP and the Office of Civilian Defense. He outlined a program to be built around housing, vocational training for war industries, defeat of the poll tax, voters' clinic, surveys of prices in cooperation with the Office of Price Administration, surveys of rental charged negroes, and employment of women workers in war industries (The Detroit edition of the Pittsburgh Courier, September 26, 1942).

D. Officers, 1943

The following officers were elected April 6, 1943 to serve during the ensuing year (Detroit Tribune, April 14, 1943):

President MARVIN ROBINSON [redacted]

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Vice President	CONSTANCE BLOUNT
Secretary	GWENDOLYN BROYLES
Chairman Membership Committee	ELIZABETH EDMONSON
Chairman Program Committee	WILONA STRONG
Chairman Press and Public Relations Committee	GWENDOLYN BROYLES
Chairman Labor Committee	GERALDINE BLEDSOE (Daughter of GERALDINE BLEDSOE [redacted]

The following members of the Detroit Youth Council of the NAACP took part in work during the October, 1943, primary election for the defeat of Mayor EDWARD JEFFRIES (Detroit edition of the Pittsburgh Courier, October 16, 1943):

GERALDINE JONES
BETTY JONES
GWENDOLYN BOYD
CONSTANCE BLOUNT
LORETTA ROBERTS
JACK VAUGHN
ORVAL JOHNSON
ALLEN ASHELEY
MARVIN ROBINSON (Previously identified)
DAVID HANKIN
LOVICA HILL [redacted]

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GERALDINE BLEDSOE (Previously identified)
VIOLEAN STRONG

E. Officers 1944

At the meeting of the Youth Councils held December 8, 1943, the following officers were elected for the year 1944 (Detroit Tribune, December 11, 1943):

President	MARVIN ROBINSON (Previously identified)
Vice President	JAMES FELDER

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Second Vice President — GERALDINE BLEDSOE (Previously identified)

Secretary — GWENDOLYN BROYLES

VII. PAST ACTIVITIES OF DETROIT CHAPTER

A. 1911-1942

During the early years the Detroit chapter fought discrimination in public places. A restaurant case was carried to the Supreme Court and won. The association obtained an opinion from the Corporation Counsel's Office in Michigan that under the state law citizens of color could be refused accomodations in public places (Handbook on the Detroit Negro).

The Detroit chapter grew into national prominence during the famous SWEET case in which Dr. OSSIAN H. SWEET, Dr. OTIS SWEET and other negroes were charged with murder in 1925 after a white man was shot in a disturbance in the vicinity of their home after they had succeeded in moving into an area which had formerly been occupied only by white citizens. CLARENCE HAYS and CLARENCE DARROW, nationally known attorneys defended the case and secured acquittals for the participants (Handbook on the Detroit Negro).

Other activities of the Detroit chapter have included agitation against alleged police brutality, for political recognition, against discrimination in industry and in housing (Handbook on the Detroit Negro).

Outstanding acceleration in both numerical membership and activity of the Detroit chapter has occurred since Dr. JAMES J. McCLENDON was first elected president in 1938. McCLENDON organized "A committee to end brutality" and flooded the Mayor's office with thousands of signed petitions, demanding the removal of Police Commissioner HENRICH PICKERT. That same year the membership of the organization was boosted from three thousand to five thousand thirteen. McCLENDON appointed PRINCE CLARK (previously identified) chairman of the labor committee and "had him placed in a key position in the CIO". He made speeches before locals, urging them to accept negroes as members. He urged negroes to join labor unions and when the CIO got its first foothold in Detroit he urged negroes to throw in their lot with that organization.

An office was opened at 4436 East Warren in 1939. The membership drive netted seven hundred twenty-one new members. GLOSTER

CURRENT (previously identified) was hired as executive secretary in 1940 and has worked full time since that date. McCLENDON and CURRENT have protested to the Detroit Street Railways and to the Civil Service Commission in an effort to obtain more and better jobs for negroes. He claims that his efforts resulted in the appointment of fourteen individuals on local draft boards when the Selective Service System was set up. The NAACP under McCLENDON's guidance continued to provide legal defense for negroes who were charged with crimes. (Michigan Chronicle, October 18, 1942).

B. 1941

There was erected in Detroit in the vicinity of Eight Mile Road a housing project in 1941 with joint funds of the Detroit Housing Commission and the Federal Housing Authority. In view of the fact that the neighborhood in this area was said to have been largely white, citizens of the area lodged protests both with the Detroit Commission and the Federal Authority, having learned that this project was to be devoted solely to negro occupants. As a result a decision was then reached to the effect that the project would be occupied by whites rather than by negroes. Negro citizens of Detroit then formed the "Sojourner Truth Citizens Committee" and worked closely with the NAACP, lodging numerous formal and informal protests with various federal and city authorities until finally a decision was reached that the project would be occupied by colored people. The activities of the negro community in connection with the Sojourner Truth Housing Project was one of the highlights of the year 1942. The Sojourner Truth Citizens Committee and the NAACP were joined by representatives of labor unions and by the Communist Party and its affiliated front groups, giving the event wide publicity and demanding occupancy by negroes. (Detroit Office files).

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At the thirty-third annual convention of the NAACP held in Los Angeles, California, July 14 through 19, 1942, the Detroit chapter was awarded the Spingarn prize for having made the most outstanding contribution of the year (The Michigan Chronicle, July 25, 1942).

8. 1943

(All the information under this heading was taken from the annual report of the Detroit chapter of the NAACP for 1943)

Throughout the year 1943 the Detroit chapter fought for Federal Housing Projects for negroes in Detroit, Ypsilanti, Inkster, Wayne, River Rouge and Taylor Township, Michigan. It has kept up with the building of Federal Projects in Michigan and wherever possible has insisted on housing for negroes. It protested vigorously when the Detroit Housing Commission refused to allow bi-racial occupancy of Willow Run homes erected near Ypsilanti, Michigan.

The Detroit chapter has compiled statistics showing the relation between commissioned and non-commissioned negroes in the armed forces and has advocated additional privileges for the negro, both in the Army and in the Navy. It gave wide publicity to its protests when Colonel WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, white, Base Commander of Selfridge Field was "whitewashed" by a court martial after the shooting of Private WILLIAM T. MacRae, negro.

Throughout the year 1943 the Detroit chapter continued to allege that certain plants in the Detroit area were discriminating against hiring negroes. It specifically named the United States Rubber Company; Vickers, Incorporated; Hudson Motor Car Company; the Packard Motor Car Company and the Briggs Naval Ordnance. The Detroit chapter picketed the offices of the War Manpower Commission and attempted to utilize the facilities of all newspapers in the Detroit area as means for

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spreading its discontent over the racial employment situation, it [illegible] on each strike which resulted from a racial issue and heartily condemned the white strikers in each case.

The Detroit chapter publicized its discontent over the postponement of the hearing by the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices of alleged discriminations in the railway industries all over the United States. Its legal department was busy fighting cases involving restrictive covenants and in attempting to prevent the white citizens of Inkster, Michigan from forming a separate city entirely separated from the colored neighborhood.

It protested alleged discrimination in the transportation industry when colored citizens complained that antiquated rolling equipment was being used on the lines which serviced colored neighborhoods. It appeared to be particularly incensed at some of the moving pictures produced in Hollywood and shown in the Detroit area which portrayed negroes as menials.

The Detroit chapter joined with the CIVIL RIGHTS FEDERATION and other Communist front groups in urging a grand jury investigation of "The Fifth Column in Detroit", which it alleged was responsible for the riots of June 20-21, 1943. The chapter charged that the Detroit Police Department had been particularly vicious in its handling of negroes during the riot while white leaders and rioters were allowed to go free. It demanded the removal of Police Commissioner JOHN W. WITHERSPOON and sought to sue Wayne County Prosecutor WILLIAM E. DOWLING for slander when he intimated that the riot could have been caused by the attitude of militancy on the part of negroes which had been engendered somewhat by the activities of the NAACP.

The Detroit chapter was particularly active in urging all negroes to vote in the autumn elections and widely urged negroes to vote against Mayor JEFFRIES, who had not absolved the negroes from blame during the riot.

One hundred fifty-four formal complaints were made to the NAACP during the year. Of these forty-one dealt with the riot; thirty-six with employment; fifteen with police brutality and nine with discrimination in the armed forces; five with civil rights and the remainder were broken down between education, welfare, rent control, transportation, housing, unwarranted search, extradition and other miscellaneous items.

A large feature of the year 1943 was the rally sponsored by the labor committee of the Detroit chapter and by the inter-racial

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committee of the UAW-CIO. This rally was held April 11, 1943 in the form of a parade down John R. Street and a series of speeches in Cadillac Square, Detroit, at which several thousand persons were in attendance. (It may be mentioned that various known members of the Communist Party, including [redacted] and others took part in this demonstration.)

Probably the outstanding event of the year, however, was the national conference of the NAACP held in Detroit June 3-6, 1943. Featured speakers at the rally, at which thirty thousand people were in attendance, were Congressman WILL ROGERS, Jr., of California, United States Judge WILLIAM H. HASTIE, R. J. THOMAS, President of the UAW-CIO; WALTER WHITE, Secretary of the NAACP, and RAYMOND WALSH, educational director of research, CIO. Sensation of the meeting was the accusation by R. J. THOMAS that the Ku Klux Klan was responsible for strikes at the Packard Plant in Detroit. It was said that seven hundred forty-three delegates representing thirty-nine states were in attendance at the conference.

VIII. PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS OF DETROIT CHAPTER

The asserted purposes of the NAACP are as follows (Every membership card of NAACP members):

1. To educate Americans to accord full rights and opportunities to negroes.

2. To fight injustice in courts when based on race prejudice.

3. To pass protective legislation in state and nation and defeat discriminatory bills.

4. To secure the vote for negroes and teach its proper use.

5. To stimulate the cultural life of negroes.

6. To stop lynching.

Nine members of the executive Board of the NAACP are elected. Other members are appointed. The chairman of each committee of the Detroit chapter automatically becomes a member of the executive board. Meetings of the executive board are held the second Monday of each month at the St. Antoine YMCA in Detroit [redacted]

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With regard to the attitude of the officers of the NAACP, it may be mentioned that Dr. JAMES J. McGLENDON called a meeting of the press on July 31, 1942, to discuss the question of discrimination. ALOSTER B. CURRENT, executive secretary, reviewed the NAACP's program, discussed discrimination and stated "Protest is not enough, there must be something stronger and WE MUST GET RESULTS!" (The Michigan Chronicle, August 8, 1942).

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IX. COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN DETROIT CHAPTER

Attention at this time is called to the portions of this report listed above in which the known officers of the National, State, out state, Detroit and youth sections of the NAACP have been set out [redacted]

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A. General Summarization

[redacted] it has long been a principle of the NAACP that any person, white or black, Republican or Democrat or Communist, will be allowed to work with the NAACP and become a member if he chooses to do so. [redacted] believed that there are enough level-headed negroes in the NAACP to keep control of the organization on what he termed "a conservative basis" and keep control out of the hands of Communist. He stated that he has absolutely no fear of Communist domination. He stated, however, that he feels that Communism is not a principle to be combatted inasmuch as the Communist Party is at the present time allowed by the government of the United States to operate as a legal political body [redacted]

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The NAACP is a conservative negro organization and has never been in accord with the more radical activities of the NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS [redacted]

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"The NAACP with a record of forty-two years of service in the interests of the colored people of America is a big time, big money organization, it has .... two hundred fifty thousand members including some of the most prominent citizens of the United States, both white and colored. It has worked very closely with organized labor.

"The NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS is a comparatively new organization which is receiving strong support from many sections of organized labor. Unlike the NAACP, its letterhead bears a heavy percentage of names identified with the Communist Party bloc in the CIO." (The "Wage Earner", official publication of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, May 28, 1943)

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[redacted] the Socialist Party of Michigan, is a member of the NAACP, as is [redacted] of the Proletarian Party. [redacted] (Various Detroit files).

B. Specific Instances

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Likewise the Daily Worker has from time to time given publicity to the activities of the Detroit chapter.

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One of the three speakers at the Saturday afternoon session of the third quarterly conference of the Michigan state NAACP, held at the Second Baptist Church, Ypsilanti, Michigan, on August 29 and 30, 1942 included G. LeBRON SIMMONS, [redacted] and EDWARD TOLAN, [redacted] SIMMONS told the delegates that "this is the time for the state organization to become vociferous for the enforcement of negro rights" (The Michigan Chronicle, September 5, 1942).

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It may be mentioned that of the fifteen individuals listed as speakers, seven are subjects of Security Matter - C or Internal Security - C cases in the Detroit Field Division.

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On December 11, 1942, Michigan State Senator STANLEY NOWAK was arrested after having been indicted for citizenship fraud in connection with his Communist Party activities. The Communist Party set up a special front group entitled "Senator STANLEY NOWAK Defense Committee" and began activities through that and other front groups and through [illegible] labor groups to demand a quashing of the indictment against NOWAK. (Detroit Office files).

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Among the individuals appointed on committees to work out the details of the parade and demonstration to be held April 11, 1943, in Cadillac Square, Detroit, under the joint sponsorship of the NAACP and the UAW-CIO were [redacted] GEORGE DAVIS and GERALD LOYD (Michigan Chronicle, March 27, 1943).

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Among the COMMUNIST PARTY members taking part in the parade and demonstration held April 21, 1945, under the auspices of the labor committee of the NAACP and the inter-racial committee of the NAACP WO were [redacted] personal observation [redacted]

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The Daily Worker of May 5, 1945, carried an article stating that the showing of the motion picture "Tennessee Johnson" was bitterly attacked by the Detroit chapter of the NAACP. The Daily Worker also announced that the CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR JOBS IN WAR INDUSTRIES, the CIVIL RIGHTS FEDERATION and other groups have condemned the showing of that picture.

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MAE McKREHAN, white, [redacted] and DAVID McKELVEY WHITE, [redacted] were present at the portion of the nation-wide conference of the NAACP being held on the evening of June 4, 1943 at the Second Baptist Church in Detroit. The subject for discussion at this particular time was "The Negro Press" (Personal observation of Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted].

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[redacted] CHRISTOPHER ALSTON, negro, [redacted] addressed the regular Saturday session of the [redacted] conference of the NAACP held June 5, 1943. ALSTON stated that the UAW-CIO has successfully broken the racial strife at the Packard Motor Company and that the fight has been won for the negroes' right to work according to their skill and ability in plants (The Michigan Chronicle, June 12, 1943).

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At a banquet sponsored by the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER held December 5, 1943 at Dom Polski Hall in Detroit, honoring

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[illegible] WHITNEY, general secretary of the IWO, on his sixtieth birthday. WHITNEY was presented by the Detroit chapter of the IWO with a lifetime membership in the NAACP. Dr. JAMES J. McCLENDON, president of the Detroit branch of the NAACP made the presentation and paid tribute to the organization in "its effort toward racial organization" and he also "pleaded for unity and understanding among minority groups and stressed the importance of defeating Fascism at home as well as abroad". JOHN SALLO, white, [redacted] official of Local 600, was also on the program (Detroit World Tube, December 18, 1943).

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Philadelphia 5, Pennsylvania

January 15, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
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Dear Sir:

This will advise that on January 13, 1944 [redacted] of the NAACP, visited this office as per pre-arranged appointment. [redacted] spokesman for the group, indicated that the purpose of their visit was to seek advice in dealing with a Communist element infiltrating into the NAACP and to go on record for the organization as opposing such infiltration.

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[redacted] They further requested that they be put on record as being opposed to Communism in the NAACP.

The Bureau's position and jurisdiction was explained to the group but no commitments were made. It was indicated that the offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were open to the public to receive information at any time and that we would be more than pleased to receive [redacted] or his group collectively or individually. They left this office apparently well satisfied and in a friendly spirit.

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For your information it was apparent that [redacted] were not aware of the actual machinations of the Communist Party in regard to its seizing control of the NAACP. [redacted]

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[redacted] pointed out [redacted] defended Communist Party members [redacted]

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This information was verified by [redacted]

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[redacted] indicated that he was aware that Communists were

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attempting to control the NAACP and were using [redacted] as tools without their knowledge but he stated [redacted] was well cognizant of what was going on. [redacted]

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[redacted] has been of invaluable aid in determining the amount of Communist infiltration into the NAACP and in determining that the activities of the United People's Action and the Action Committee on PTC Employment was controlled by Communists. The informant continues to advise [redacted]

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[redacted] contacts many well-known Communist Party members from the NAACP office and indicated that although a legal suit against the Philadelphia Transportation Company is being brought by the NAACP alone, the association has on its legal staff [redacted] well-known Communist key figures.

The above matter is being forwarded to you for your information.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Sears
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Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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Philadelphia 5, Pennsylvania

January 20, 1944

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Dear Sir:

The following is a summary of information obtained through the services of Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau for the period January 7, 1944 through January 19, 1944. Confidential Informant [redacted] has continued to develop in a satisfactory manner and is supplying valuable information at the present time relative to the Communist Movement among Negroes and also to the general activities of Negro organizations in Philadelphia. It has been learned through information supplied by this informant that an attempt is being made by the Communist Party to dominate the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and although this fact is known by officials of this Government, [redacted] a Communist Party organizer, is still employed in the office of the N.A.A.C.P. In addition, the legal staff of the N.A.A.C.P. has consulted with men known to be Attorneys for the Communist Party relative to the institution of legal proceedings against the PTC. The informant has indicated that the Communist Party plans to either thoroughly infiltrate the N.A.A.C.P. with its members or to bring about its demise in Philadelphia.

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During the past two weeks, the informant has kept this office advised of the plans of the United People's Action Committee for picketing the PTC and has also furnished information concerning the Communist Party dominating Philadelphia School of Social Science.

The informant has been an invaluable aid in the identification of several new Communist Party members who are associated with the United People's Action Committee and has continued to be a prolific source of information along this line.

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[redacted] were never subversive or un-American. The NAACP usually met once or twice a month at its headquarters, 2278 Broadway, Gary, Indiana.

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[redacted] Selective Service Board #10, Gary, Indiana, produced records which reflected the following information:

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[redacted] The following description was listed in the records:

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Birth

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A review of the criminal records of the Gary police department
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AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The following investigation was conducted by the reporting agent:

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The report of this meeting as printed in the Indianapolis Recorder for September 11, 1943, discloses that among the subjects discussed with LUDLOW were the following:

Juvenile delinquency created by employment of white women in jobs colored men should fill;
Jobs for negro women and upgrading of negro men in industry;
Bias against negroes in local industry;
Allowance of Selective Service deferments for fathers and essential workers;
The failure of Federal or local governments to launch programs to control race riots; and finally
Discussion of relocation of the Japanese.

The newspaper article indicated that the representatives appeared well satisfied with LUDLOW's attitude toward their demands.

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According to an article appearing in the December 25, 1943, issue of the Indianapolis Recorder, the local unit of the NAACP held its annual election on December 18. At this time all the incumbent officers were unanimously reelected as follows:

Mrs. PRISCILLA DEAN LEWIS, president;
GEORGE McBUTTS, V. President;
Mrs. CORA JOHNSON, Corresponding Sec'y.;
ANDREW RAMSEY, Treasurer.

At this meeting, according to the report, the following executive committee was also elected:

Dr. R. B. McARTHUR, Chairman;
EARNEST DIX, Membership;
Dr. LUCIEN MERIWETHER, Finance;
Rev. O. H. CALHOUN, Education;
Mrs. HELEN LASTER and LOWELL TRICE, President & Publicity;
Rev. C. HENRY BELL, Religion;
and Rev. I. ALBERT MOORE, Chaplain.

It was claimed in this article that the recent annual membership drive of the organization which closed November 28, 1943, was very successful although no announcement was made as to the number of new members obtained or the total present active membership.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

A copy of this report is being forwarded to the New York field division inasmuch as the national headquarters of the organization is in New York City and also a national representative from that city recently conducted a membership drive at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Gary, Indiana.

Will contact informants for additional information relative to activities of the subject organization.

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Following is the key to confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, January 20, 1944:

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The names of these individuals are being kept confidential at their request.

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